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Crop Report for May 11, 2008

Saskatchewan farmers now have 25 per cent of the 2008 crop planted, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly crop report.

The five-year (2003-07) average is 20 per cent of the crop planted at this time. Seeding is most advanced in the southeast where 46 per cent of the crop has been planted, and least advanced in the northwest where seven per cent has been planted. Early-seeded crops are emerging in southern areas. Some producers in the southern and central areas of the province are delaying seeding oilseeds until rain is received.

Overall, topsoil moisture conditions on crop land deteriorated slightly from last week. According to crop reporters, 65 per cent of crop land has adequate topsoil moisture, and 35 per cent is short or very short of topsoil moisture. For hay and pasture land, reporters show 53 per cent with adequate moisture and 47 per cent with short or very short topsoil moisture. Some areas received rain Sunday night, which continued into Monday morning. Information pertaining to this rainfall will be included in next week's report.

Cool temperatures continue to slow fieldwork and crop germination, as well as grass and hay growth.

Seeding Progress in SK
per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 11/08	25
5-year Avg. (2003-07)	**20**
May 13/07	31
May 14/06	25
May 8/05	16
May 9/04	19
May 11/03	8

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1 Year Ago

Thirty-one per cent of the 2007 crop had been planted.

Reporters indicated that 81 per cent of the crop land had adequate topsoil moisture.

Windy weather delayed spraying operations and dried out topsoil moisture.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The past week in the southeast was cool with some wind. An average of 1 mm of precipitation was reported. Crop District (CD) 3ase reported an average of 5 mm of rain.

South eastern reporters said 21% of the crop land had adequate moisture, down from 39% last week. The balance of the crop land has short or very short topsoil moisture. Twelve per cent of the hay and pasture land has adequate topsoil moisture and the balance has short or very short moisture.

Good seeding progress was made and south eastern farmers report 46% of the 2008 crop is planted, up from 10% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest advanced at 64% seeded. Crop District 1b is least advanced with 41% seeded. Some early-seeded wheat and barley have emerged. Germination is slow in many areas due to cool temperatures and dry soil – farmers are concerned whether germination will occur and how evenly. There is also concern about emerging crops and freezing overnight temperatures.

Some farmers anticipate planting some crop acres to greenfeed due to very slow growth of hay crops and pastures. Planned oilseed acres may be shifted to cereals due to dry conditions.

Livestock continue to be fed, and farmers are running low on hay supplies. Water is in short supply in the Pangman area.

There has been some spraying for burn-off, but there is limited weed growth. Farmers are also cleaning seed, repairing machinery, fixing fences, and picking rocks.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

This past week, the southwest was cool and mostly dry. An average of 5 mm of precipitation was reported. This ranged from an average low of 1 mm reported in CDs 3an and 3bn, to an average high of 12 mm in CD 4a.

After some improvement last week, reporters indicated that topsoil moisture declined somewhat as they rated 51% of the crop land as having adequate moisture compared to 55% last week. The balance of the cropland is rated as having short to very short topsoil moisture. For hay and pasture land, reporters indicate 27% of the land has adequate topsoil moisture, compared with 35% last week. The rest of the hay and pasture land is rated as having short or very short topsoil moisture. Reporters are concerned that hay crops will be very low yielding unless some rain comes soon.

South western farmers report 39% of the 2008 crop is planted, up from 9% last week. Crop District 4a is furthest advanced at 48% seeded and CDs 3asw and 3bn are least advanced at 36% seeded. Some cereal crops and lentils are emerging. There is some concern that with the cool temperatures, crops are not germinating in a timely fashion. There is also concern that the freezing temperatures will damage newly emerging crops.

Some cattle have been moved out to summer pastures, though many are still being supplemented with bale feeding. Water is in short supply in the Bengough, Assiniboia, Kincaid, and Stewart Valley areas.

Farmers are applying herbicide both pre- and post-seeding, picking rocks, poisoning gophers, and rolling pulse crops.

Badgers are making a mess in some fields as they dig out gophers. This year's young gophers are showing up in fields. In some areas, gophers have started to dig up seeded peas and lentils.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was generally cool and dry last week. Only trace amounts of precipitation were reported.

Topsoil moisture on crop land declined, with reporters rating 65% of crop land as having adequate moisture, compared to 73% last week. The balance of the crop land is rated as having short or very short topsoil moisture. For hay and pasture land, reporters rate 49% of the area as adequate, compared to 59% last week. The balance of the hay and pasture land is rated as having short to very short topsoil moisture.

East central farmers report

18% of the 2008 crop is planted, up from 2% last week. Crop District 5a reports 21% seeded, while CD 5b reports 15%. Early-seeded pulse crops have germinated in the Holdfast area. There is concern about the effect cold weather will have on germination. Many farmers will be waiting for rain before planting oilseeds.

Fieldwork such as rock picking, fertilizing, and harrowing are becoming general. Weed growth has been slow, making for minimal pre-seeding spraying.

Cattle are still being fed because of poor growth rates on pastures.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region was dry with cool days and freezing nights during the past week. Mostly trace amounts of precipitation were reported.

Topsoil moisture is generally good, with reporters rating 95% of the crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture and 91% of the hay and pasture land as having adequate moisture. Some fields are still quite wet in the Battleford area.

West central reporters indicate that 9% of the 2008 crop is planted, up from less than 1% last week. All three CDs (6b, 7a, 7b) report 9% seeded. Peas have germinated in the Grandora area.

Farmers are pre-working, fertilizing, spraying, harrowing, rock picking, and rolling pulse crops. Slow weed growth means that little pre-seeding burn-off has been done.

Cattle are being moved out to pastures, but many continue to be fed bales because the pastures do not have enough growth.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

The northeast was dry and cool last week. Only trace amounts of moisture were reported.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved as surplus areas dried and reporters rated 95% of the crop land as having adequate moisture, up from 87% last week. Reporters rated 93% of the hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture.

North eastern reporters indicate that 14% of the 2008 crop is planted, up from less than 1% planted last week. Crop district 8a is furthest advanced at 17% seeded, and CD 9ae is least advanced at 10% seeded.

Farmers were harrowing, cultivating, picking rocks, and applying fertilizer.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

This past week brought cool, unsettled weather to the northwest. An average of less than 1 mm of precipitation was reported.

Reporters rate 98% of crop, hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, compared to less than 95% last week.

North western reporters indicate that 7% of the 2008 crop is planted, up from less than 1% last week. Crop District 9aw is furthest advanced at 9% seeded.

Farmers have started deep-banding fertilizer and doing some pre-seeding burn-off. As well, there is some heavy harrowing. There are still some wet spots in fields and it is easy to get stuck.

Cattlemen are moving their stock out to pastures, but there is limited growth, and cattle continue to be fed.

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 11/08	May 13/07
1a	45	29
1b	41	31
2a	50	52
2b	43	40
3an	39	43
3ase	64	67
3asw	36	43
3bn	36	62
3bs	46	56
4a	48	51
4b	38	64
5a	21	21
5b	15	9
6a	19	20
6b	9	21
7a	9	45
7b	9	43
8a	17	6
8b	12	5
9ae	10	3
9aw	9	15
9b	5	23
Prov.	25	31

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 10, 2008

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	TR	6
	2	Mount Pleasant	2	5
	3	Enniskillen	TR	4
	34	Browning	NIL	2 *
	64	Brock	NIL	2
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	32
	92	Walpole	NIL	NIL
	93	Wawken	NIL	5
	95	Golden West	NIL	4
	121	Moosomin	NIL	6
	122	Martin	NIL	6
	123	Silverwood	NIL	2
	124	Kingsley	NIL	4
	125	Chester	NIL	4
	151 A	Rocanville	NIL	4
	151 B	Rocanville	NIL	13
	153	Willowdale	NIL	2
	155	Wolseley	NIL	7
2A	36	Cymri	1	14
	66	Griffin	NIL	8
	67	Weyburn	NIL	10
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	9
	69	Norton	NIL	18
	96	Fillmore	NIL	12
	97	Wellington	NIL	11
2B	126	Montmartre	NIL	10
	127	Francis	TR	13
	129	Bratt's Lake	NIL	12
	131	Baildon	3	19
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	20
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	TR
	158	Edenwold	NIL	15
	160	Pense	NIL	23
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	34
	191	Marquis	NIL	16
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	9	23
	38 B	Laurier	2	13
	39 A	The Gap	3	30
	39 B	The Gap	5	18
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	26
	12	Poplar Valley	1	26
	40	Bengough	7	28
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	40
	43 A	Old Post	3	30
	44	Waverley	5	41
	70	Key West	11	34
	71 A	Excel	7	26
	71 B	Excel	3	20
	71 C	Excel	8	28
	72	Lake Of The Rivers	1	37
	73 A	Stonehenge	4	52
	73 B	Stonehenge	5	51
3AN	101	Terrell	4	19
	102	Lake Johnston	1	26
	103	Sutton	NIL	45
	132	Hillsborough	NIL	24
	134	Shamrock	2	45
	193	Eyebrow	NIL	23
	194	Enfield	NIL	18
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	8	21
	45	Mankota	1	28
	75 A	Pinto Creek	3	35
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	35
	76 A	Auvergne	3	22
	76 B	Auvergne	3	22
	77	Wise Creek	3	18
	78 A	Grassy Creek	8	23
	78 B	Grassy Creek	6	20
	78 C	Grassy Creek	2	20
	105	Glenbain	2	29
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	27
	108	Bone Creek	10	31
3BN	138	Webb	2	62
	165	Morse	TR	23
	166	Excelsior	NIL	18
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	35
	226	Victory	NIL	19
	228 A	Lacadena	1	33
	228 B	Lacadena	3	49
4A	49	White Valley	10	25
	49 A	White Valley	10	29 *
	51	Reno	18	29
	79	Arlington	6	23
	109	Carmichael	17	42
	110	Piapot	14	49
	111 A	Maple Creek	5	37
	111 B	Maple Creek	14	40
4B	139	Gull Lake	TR	22
	141	Big Stick	12	39
	142	Enterprise	8	41
	231	Happyland	7	61
	232	Deer Forks	6	42
5A	183	Fertile Belt	NIL	12
	184	Grayson	NIL	7
	185	Mcleod	NIL	6
	186	Abernethy	NIL	14
	211	Churchbridge	NIL	5
	213	Saltcoats	NIL	6
	216 A	Tullymet	NIL	16
	216 B	Tullymet	NIL	24 *
	241	Calder	NIL	2
	245 A	Garry	NIL	15
	245 B	Garry	NIL	21
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	TR	23
	247	Kellross	NIL	13
	248	Touchwood	NIL	9
5B	271	Cote	NIL	4
	273	Sliding Hills	NIL	NIL
	275	Insinger	NIL	12
	276	Foam Lake	NIL	11
	277	Emerald	NIL	10
	304	Buchanan	NIL	7
	307	Elfros	NIL	14
	308	Big Quill	NIL	9
	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	9
	336	Sasman	NIL	13
	337	Lakeview	NIL	22
	338	Lakeside	NIL	23
	366	Kelvington	NIL	9
6A	189	Lumsden	NIL	29
	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	13
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	13
	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	14
	219 B	Longlaketon	NIL	13
	219 C	Longlaketon	NIL	22
	220	Mckillop	NIL	12
	221	Sarnia	NIL	23
	222	Craik	NIL	31
	251	Big Arm	NIL	24
	252	Arm River	NIL	16
	279 A	Mount Hope	NIL	18
	279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	9
	280	Wreford	NIL	17
	282	Mccraney	NIL	20
	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	31
	312	Morris	NIL	29
	313	Lost River	NIL	27
	339	Leroy	NIL	38
	340 A	Wolverine	NIL	25
	341	Viscount	NIL	12
	343	Blucher	NIL	13
6B	283	Rosedale	NIL	27
	284	Rudy	NIL	26
	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	32
	286	Milden	NIL	32
	314	Dundurn	NIL	20
	344	Corman Park	NIL	23
	345	Vanscoy	NIL	23
	346	Perdue	NIL	31
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	35
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	45
	403	Rosthern	NIL	50
7A	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	43
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	46
	292	Milton	NIL	51
	317 A	Marriott	NIL	39
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	25
	318 A	Mountain View	NIL	49
	318 B	Mountain View	TR	80
	320	Oakdale	TR	92
	321	Prairiedale	NIL	51
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	47
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	29
	350 A	Mariposa	NIL	56
	350 B	Mariposa	NIL	41
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	92
	377	Glenside	NIL	39
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	41
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	63
	379	Reford	TR	57
	380	Tramping Lake	NIL	47
	381	Grass Lake	NIL	72
	382	Eye Hill	2	64
	409	Buffalo	NIL	55
	410	Round Valley	NIL	65
	411	Senlac	NIL	58
8A	397	Barrier Valley	NIL	14
	428	Star City	NIL	34
	456	Arborfield	TR	12
	457	Connaught	NIL	8
	458	Willow Creek	NIL	25
	486	Moose Range	NIL	13
	487	Nipawin	NIL	22
8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	15
	370	Humboldt	NIL	20
	371	Bayne	NIL	33 *
	372	Grant	TR	30
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	35
	429 B	Flett's Springs	NIL	22
	431	St. Louis	TR	26
9AE	488	Torch River	NIL	34
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	34
	435	Redberry	NIL	34
	436	Douglas	NIL	35
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	49
	464	Leask	NIL	61
	466	Meeting Lake	NIL	47
	467	Round Hill	NIL	41
	493	Shellbrook	NIL	21
	494	Canwood	1	27
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	43
	497	Medstead	NIL	55
9B	438	Battle River	TR	56
	442	Manitou Lake	1	55
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	63
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	65
	499	Mervin	2	56
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	67
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	40
	502	Britannia	2	56
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	40
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	25
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	32
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	47

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Cumulative Rainfall
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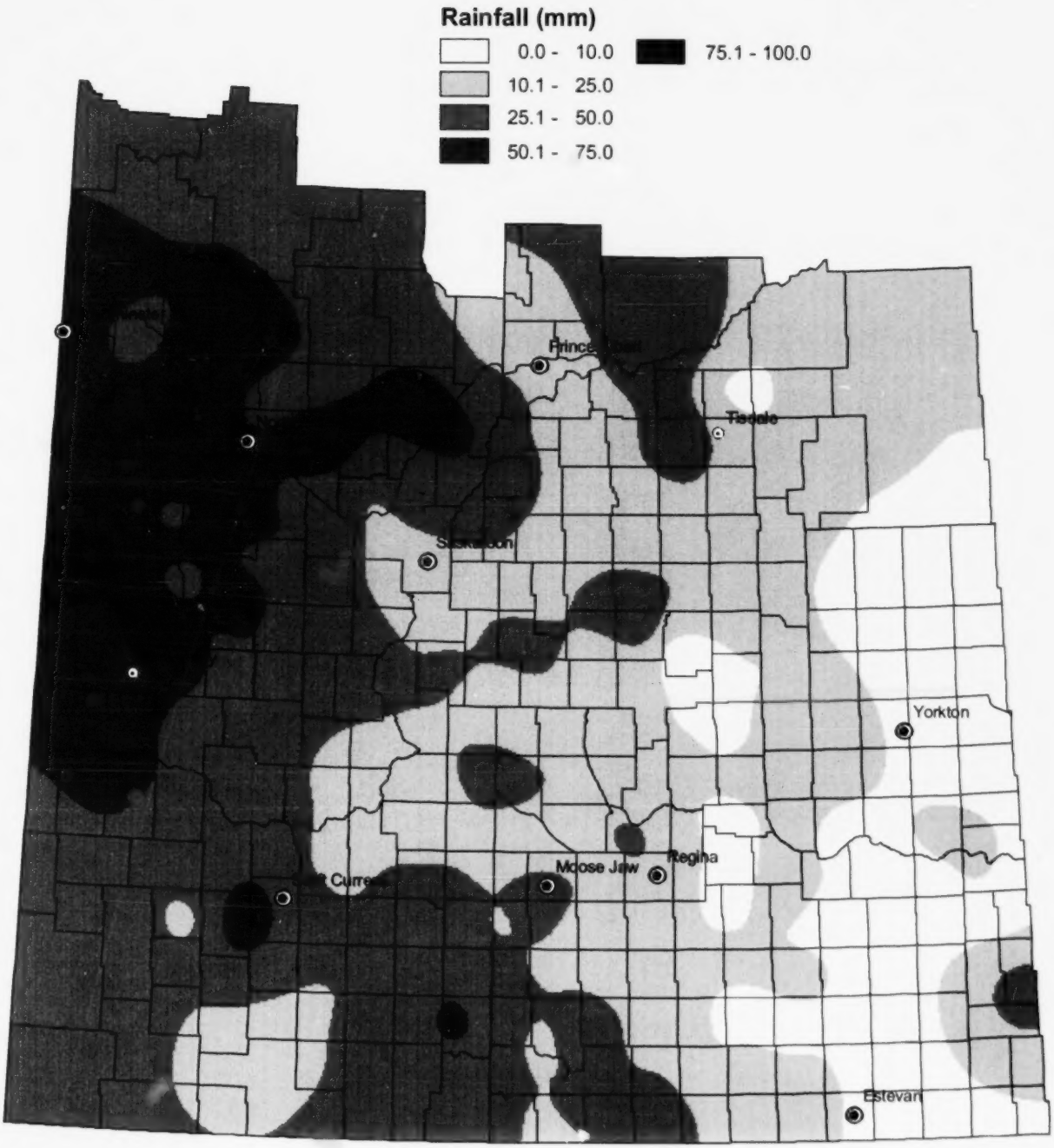
To: May 10, 2008



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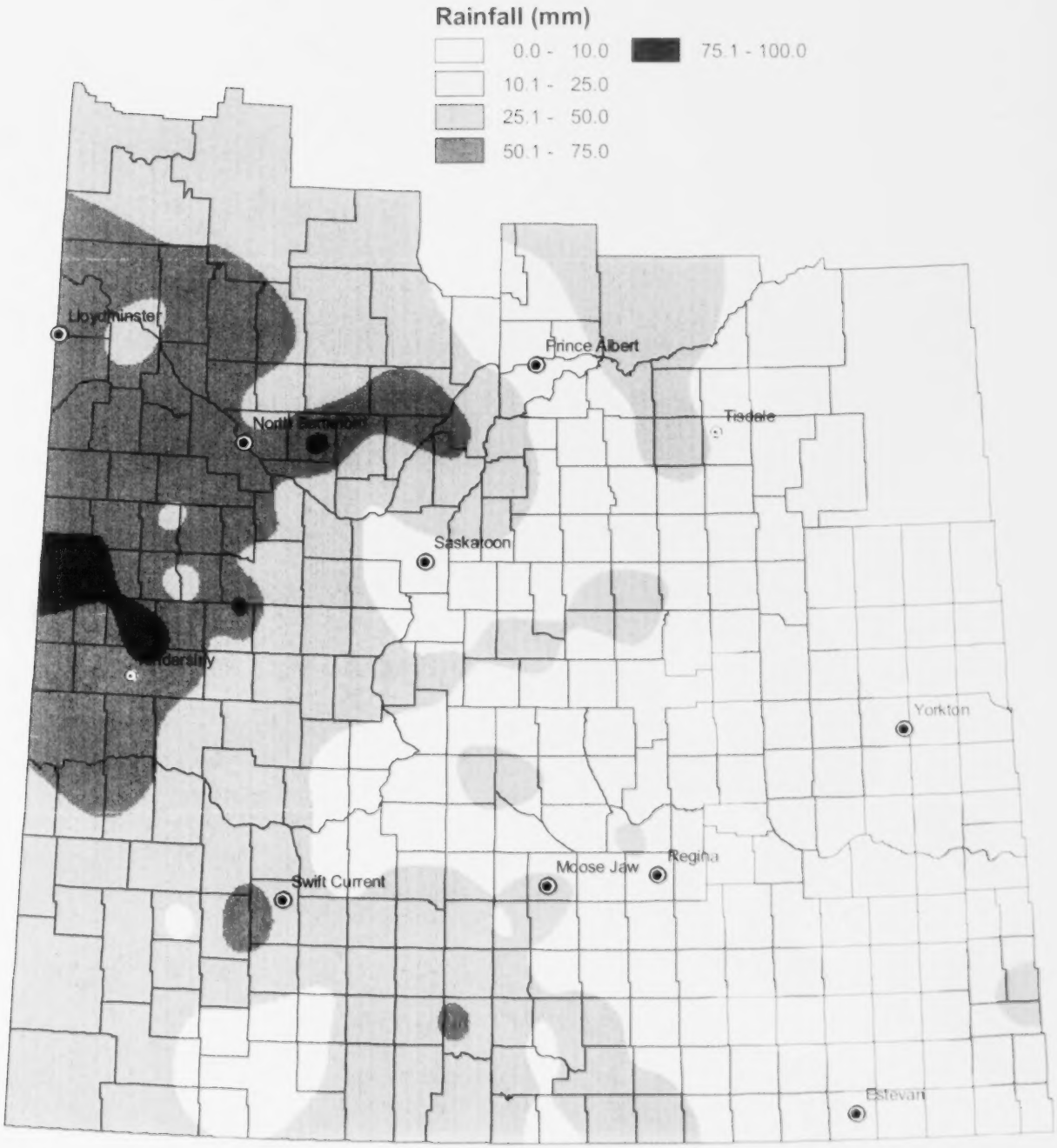

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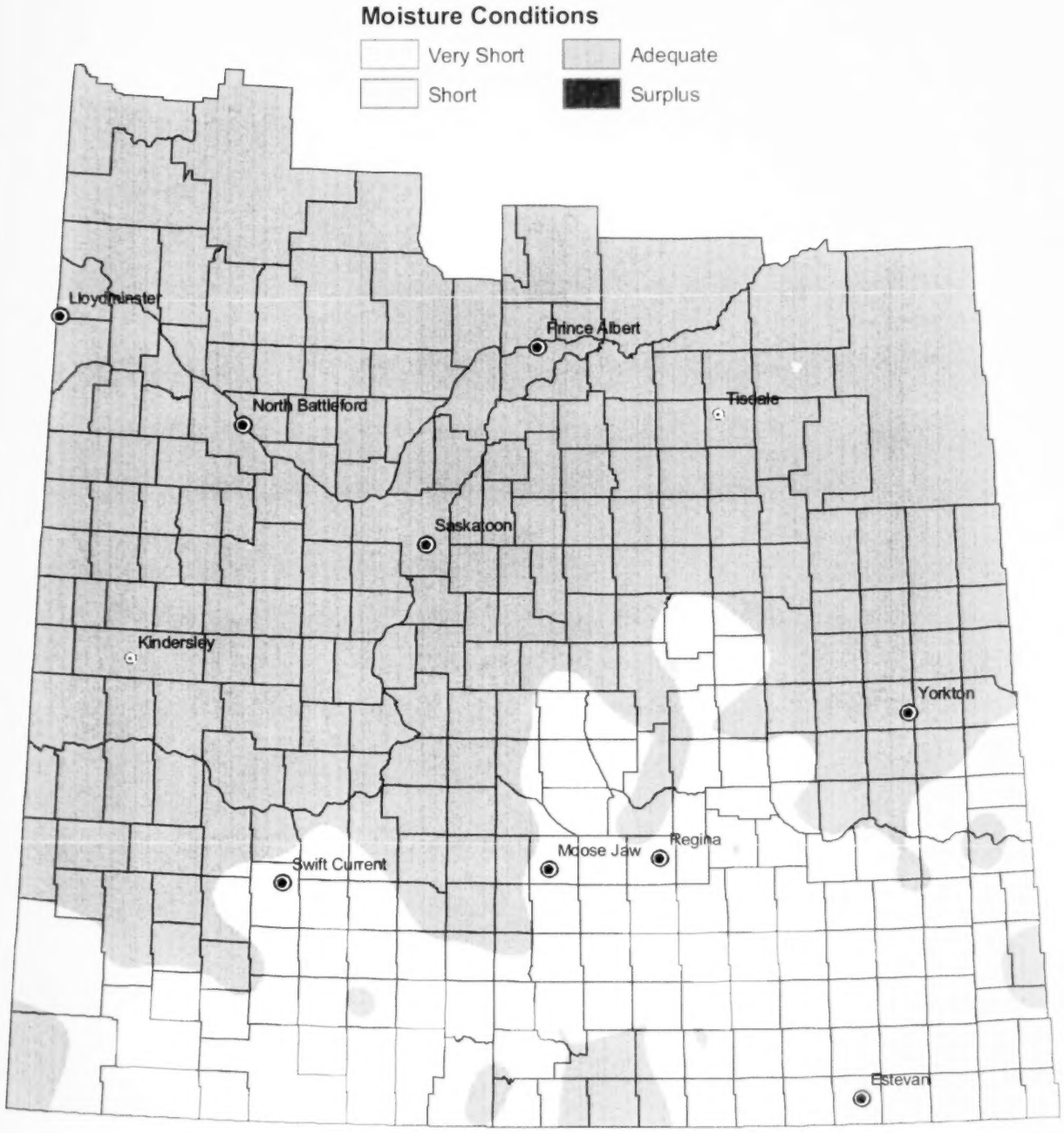

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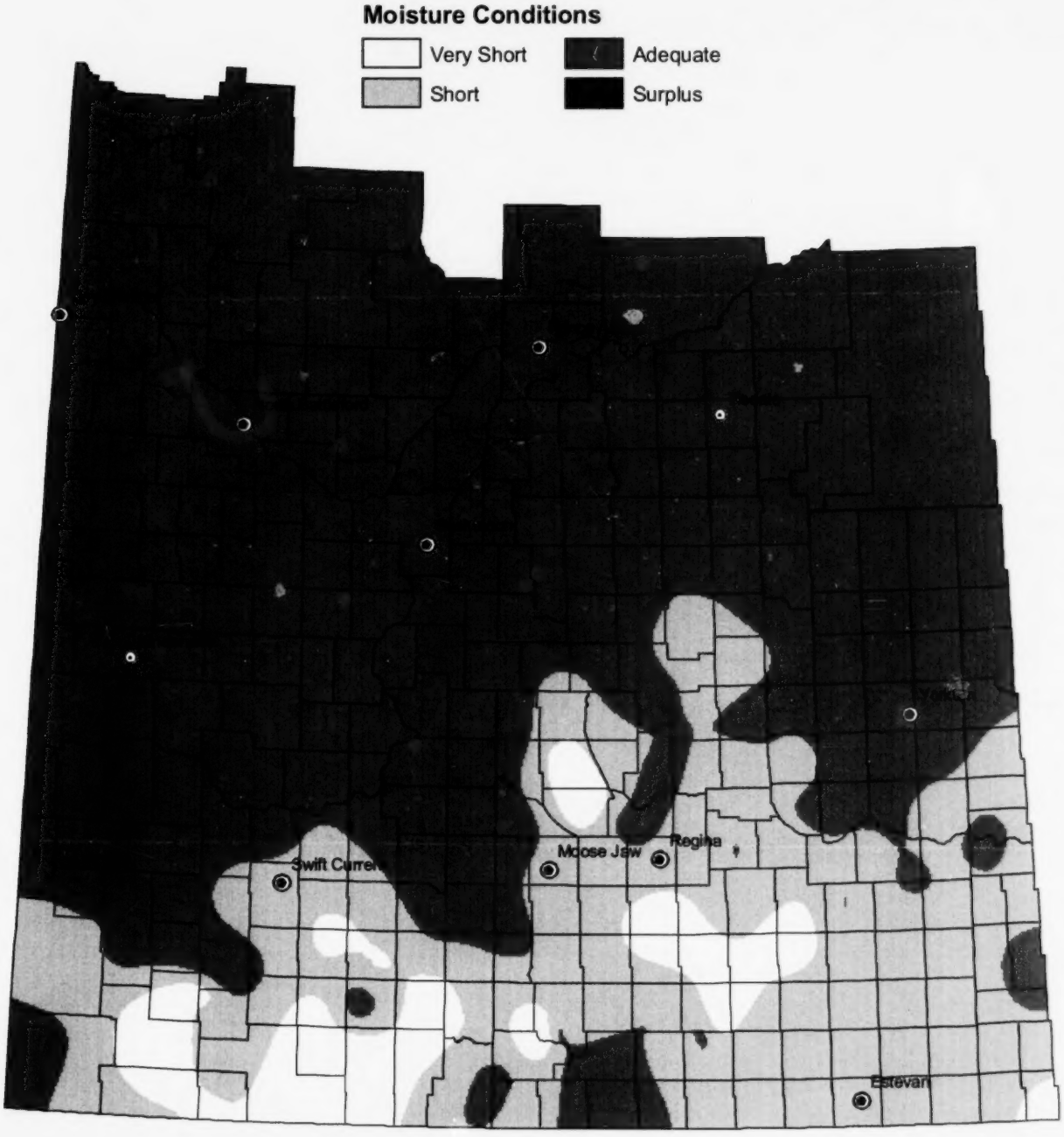

Crop Districts
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